

Hon. Robert B. Leighton

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA**

SAMUEL TARABOCHIA, an individual,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THURSTON COUNTY, a municipality;
et al.,
Defendants

NO. 3:18-cv-05056 RBL

**STIPULATED MOTION AND
ORDER TO TAKE THE
PERPETUATION VIDEO
DEPOSITION OF DR. RUSSELL
VANDENBELT FOR USE AT
TRIAL.**

I. MOTION

Comes now defendants and move the court for leave to take the video perpetuation deposition of Dr. Russell Vandenbelt for purposes of the trial in this matter. This motion is stipulated to by the plaintiff. This motion is based on Fed. R. Civ. P. 32(a)(4) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4), and the declaration of John E. Justice.

II. FACTS RELEVANT TO THE MOTION

Dr. Vandenbelt was disclosed by defendants as a testifying expert in accordance with the Court's case schedule order. *Justice Dec.* He was deposed by plaintiff's counsel. *Id.* On March 12, 2019, defense counsel contacted Dr. Vandenbelt to identify any conflict dates during the

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1 trial of this matter. *Id.* Dr. Vandenbelt indicated that he did not have the trial date on his
2 calendar and had already purchased plane tickets to be out of the State during the two weeks of
3 trial. *Id.* Defense counsel inadvertently had failed to communicate the trial date to Dr.
4 Vandenbelt. *Id.* Defense counsel immediately notified plaintiff's counsel of the issue and
5 sought agreement to a video perpetuation deposition of Dr. Vandenbelt for use at trial. *Id.*
6 Plaintiff's counsel graciously agreed to stipulate to this motion. *Id.*

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8 III. LAW AND ARGUMENT

9 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 32(a)(4) provides that the deposition of a witness may
10 be used "for any purpose" at trial if he or she "is more than 100 miles from the place of hearing
11 or trial or is outside the United States," or, "on motion and notice, that such exceptional
12 circumstances make it desirable, in the interest of justice and with due regard to the
13 importance of live testimony in open court, to permit the deposition to be used." Dr.
14 Vandenbelt will be out of State for the two weeks of trial in this matter and thus he meets the
15 test of Rule 32(a)(4).

16 While the deadline for taking despostions has passed, the Court can extend the deadline
17 for good cause. Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4). The scheduling conflict in this case was a result of
18 inadvertence and was brought to plaintiff's counsel's attention as soon as it was known and
19 Plaintiff's counsel has stipulated to this deposition occurring. Defense counsel has been
20 diligent in addressing this scheduling mistake and good cause exists to modify the case
21 schedule for the taking of this deposition. *Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc.*, 975 F.2d
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1 604, 609 (9th Cir.1992) ("Rule 16(b)'s "good cause" standard primarily considers the diligence
2 of the party seeking the amendment.")

3 DATED this 13th day of March, 2019.

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8 */s/ John E. Justice*

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14 STIPULATED TO this 13th day of March, 2019.

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18 */s/ David Whedbee*

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24 **ORDER**

25 Based on the foregoing stipulated motion and for good cause shown, the Court hereby
26 Orders that the Video Perpetuation Deposition of Dr. Russell Vandenbelt may be taken for use
27 at trial in this matter.

28 DATED this 14th day of March, 2019.

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32 Ronald B. Leighton
33 United States District Judge

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